

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 14, and replace with the following new paragraph. Changes from the original are highlighted.

In one embodiment, removal of the daughtercard from the computer system may begin with the assertion of the configuration change signal. The configuration change signal may be asserted in response to the actuation of a switch mounted to the daughtercard. The switch may be actuated by an ejector handle attached to the daughtercard. When the computer system detects the assertion of the configuration change signal, it may then begin the termination of software communications with the daughtercard. In some cases, software communications may terminate immediately, while in others, a given task involving the daughtercard may be allowed to complete before terminating communications. When software communications have been terminated, power control circuitry may begin to remove power from the daughtercard. Following the removal of power from the daughtercard, a light-emitting diode (LED) on the daughtercard may then be illuminated. When illuminated, the LED indicates to a user of the computer system that it is safe to extract the daughtercard.